

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-17-81

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT WORKSHOP

This notice is to inform you that the Family and Children's Services Branch will be conducting workshops on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978. Attached is a list of workshop dates and locations. Each one-day workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. This workshop will focus on ICWA Child Protective Services and Out-of-Home Care for Children regulations. It will not cover ICWA Adoption regulations.

The Indian Child Welfare Act (PL 95-608), effective May 7, 1979, mandates certain procedures and policies be utilized in providing child welfare services to persons who are American Indians. The Act imposes requirements in addition to those mandated by state law and regulation for non-Indian children. The consequences of non-compliance with the Act may be severe; e.g., possible overturning of court decisions involving Indian children.

Training has been developed to provide counties with information required to meet the specialized requirements of the Act. The training will cover four major areas: a general discussion of the Act; a review of the state regulations promulgated to implement the Act in California; the procedures mandated by the regulations; and information to gain a better understanding of Indian culture.

In order to assure the training is relevant to your needs, a questionnaire is attached for your completion. It must be returned no later than March 13, 1981 to:

Joe H. Lain, Chief
F&CS Program Operations Bureau
Department of Social Services
744 P Street, MS 9-104
Sacramento, CA 95814

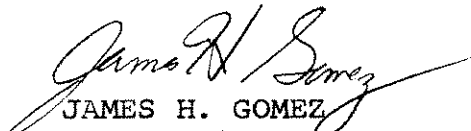
Training sessions are being limited to a maximum of 30 persons in order to facilitate group participation and allow for some consideration of individual questions. Participants will be expected to share the information obtained at the workshop with staff who do not attend; therefore, I encourage you to send staff development personnel to this training in addition to program and administrative staff members. If your county is not fully delegated responsibility for dependents per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 272, you may wish to inform the probation officer of the training.

On the questionnaire please indicate the number of staff you intend to send. Be sure to include any probation department staff who will be attending the training. It may be necessary to reduce the number of staff, depending on the number of counties attending a particular workshop and the number of participants proposed by each county. If this becomes necessary, the contact person listed on the questionnaire will be asked to make adjustments in the number of staff attending the session. Preliminary information packets will be mailed to each county once the number of accepted staff is confirmed.

Please note from the enclosed schedule that sessions have been located in various parts of the state and that a list is provided of the location each county is to attend. Counties have priority for the slots available in their assigned location. If a county wishes to attend an alternative workshop, efforts will be made to accommodate, provided openings are available at the alternative location.

Extensive preparations are in process for the training and it promises to be both relevant and informative. Your participation both through the submission of the questionnaire and attendance at the sessions, is important. If you have questions, please contact Ray Christensen at (916) 445-7653 or ATSS 485-7653.

Sincerely,


JAMES H. GOMEZ
Deputy Director

Attachments

cc: CWDA

SCHEDULED WORKSHOPS
ON THE
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT OF 1978

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Participating Counties</u>
Eureka	4/7/81	9 a.m.	Conference Room Humboldt Co. Welfare Dept. 929 Koster Street Eureka	Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino
Redding	4/9/81	9 a.m.	Department of Forestry Conference Room 1050 Parkview Redding	Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity
Riverside	4/14/81	9 a.m.	Staff Dev. Div., 2nd Flr. Riverside Co. Dept. of Public Social Services 3601 University Avenue Riverside	Imperial, Inyo, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego
Los Angeles	4/16/81	9 a.m.	Room 1070 State of Calif. Office Bldg. 107 South Broadway Los Angeles	Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura
San Rafael	4/21/81	9 a.m.	Room 266B (2nd Flr., Middle Arch) Marin Co. Dept. of Health and Human Services Hall of Justice Civic Center San Rafael	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, Solano, Sonoma
San Jose	4/22/81	9 a.m.	Auditorium Santa Clara Co. Dept. of Social Services 55 West Younger Street San Jose	Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz

Scheduled Workshops on ICWA

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Participating Counties</u>
Sacramento	4/28/81	9 a.m.	Room 741 State Dept. of Social Services 744 P Street Sacramento	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Mono, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba
Fresno	4/29/81	9 a.m.	Classroom C Fresno Co. Dept. of Social Services 4455 E. Kings Canyon Road Fresno	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne

B. Program Information

1. Briefly describe any major activities undertaken to date to implement the ICWA in your county; e.g., training, consultation with tribes, forms developed, job aids developed:

2. The amount of training or information on ICWA received in the past by the persons attending the training is: (check the one which is most accurate)

	<u>Administrative Staff</u>	<u>Social Work Staff</u>
Extensive	()	()
Some	()	()
Little	()	()
None	()	()

3. Training will include material in the following areas:

- . Overview and background of Act.
- . Emergency removal of Indian children.
- . Notice procedures and requirements.
- . Determination of Indian status.
- . Definition of Indian child custody proceedings/jurisdiction.
- . Special requirements of court proceedings concerning Indian children.
- . Voluntary placement activities.
- . Involuntary placement activities.
- . Information on Indian culture and ICWA.

If you desire to obtain specific information in an area not listed above please describe:

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA) TRAINING
PRE-TRAINING QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: Please return completed questionnaire by March 13, 1981, to:

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Department of Social Services
744 P Street, MS 9-104
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County _____

Person Completing Form _____

Position _____ Phone Number _____

A. Registration Information

1. Please check workshop your staff will be attending:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka | <input type="checkbox"/> San Rafael |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Redding | <input type="checkbox"/> San Jose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riverside | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresno |

2. How many staff in the following categories will be attending the training?

- _____ Administrative staff
- _____ Staff development personnel
- _____ Child welfare supervisors
- _____ Child welfare social workers
- _____ Probation officers
- _____ Other (specify) _____
- _____ Total Staff Attending

Note: If additional participants are identified prior to the workshop, please call Ray Christensen at (916) 445-7653 to obtain approval for extra training slots.

3. Who will serve as a local contact person if adjustments need to be made in the number of staff attending the workshop?

Name _____

Position _____

Phone Number _____